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Dear Recreation Resident:

This letter is to inform you that an Environmental Analysis is currently underway for the proposed 2020 Odell and Crescent Lakes Recreation Residences projects. These projects are currently in the scoping phase, soliciting comments from potentially interested parties. A copy of the Preliminary Decision Memo, which contains details of the proposed activities, can be obtained by contacting the Crescent Ranger District or on the website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/deschutes/landmanagement/projects>

Location: The projects are located in Klamath County, Oregon with a legal description of T23S, R6E, Sections 7, 8, and 18; T24S, R6E, Sections 14, 15, 16, and 21, Willamette Meridian.

Purpose and Need for Action: *There is a need to maintain the private recreation residence structures and associated improvements in a safe condition that provides for accessibility, ensures compliance with County, State, and Federal regulations. Upgrades as permitted under conditions outlined in the recreation residence special use permit handbook (FSH 2709.11), the R6 Supplement No. 2709.11-94-1, and the Deschutes National Forest Guidelines for Recreation Residences, implemented 2009.*

This action is needed because each year, permittees may submit applications for repairs and alterations to their privately-owned structures to ensure safety, accessibility, and compliance with regulations, as well as upgrades as permitted under conditions outlined in the recreation residence special use permit language. Upon acceptance of these project requests, the Forest Service is required to conduct a National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) analysis on any project that may alter the character of a residence or that includes any ground-disturbing activity.

How to Comment and Timeframe: Your comments about the proposed actions or other concerns are welcome and would be considered in the decision. They would be most helpful if received by August 18, 2020. Comments can be submitted to the address on the header of this letter, or by email to: comments-pacificnorthwest-deschutes-crescent@usda.gov. Written or oral scoping comments should include your name, address, and telephone number (if available). Include the title of the project (2020 Crescent & Odell Lakes Recreation Residence Projects).

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymously will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with the subsequent environmental documents.



Administrative and Appeal Rights: The final decision is not subject to appeal or objection. On January 17, 2014, the President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Pub. L. No. 113-76). Section 431 of that Act directs that the 1992 and 2012 legislation establishing the 36 CFR 215 (post-decisional appeals) and 36 CFR 218 (pre-decisional objections) processes “shall not apply to any project or activity implementing a land and resource management plan ... that is categorically excludedunder the National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA].” As a result, the Forest Service no longer offers notice, comment, and appeal opportunities pursuant to 36 CFR 215 for categorically excluded projects such as the one covered under this Decision Memo.

This letter/notice also serves as an invitation to participate in the Forest’s National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 process for the project.

Contact Information: Please contact Meria Page, Special Uses Administrator, at (541) 433-3230 or by email at meria.page@usda.gov if you have questions regarding the project.

Sincerely,



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